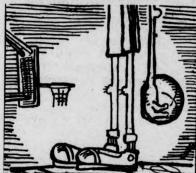
Defence "very, very good," York wins 85-76

By Bruce Gates

York Yeomen opened their regular basketball season in Sudbury last Saturday, beating a strong Laurentian team 85-76.



"It was a very gratifying win, and I thought all of our players did a superb job."

They had to. The Laurentian team is stocked with three good American players - one of them a former MVP (Most Valuable Player) in stateside college basket-

Defence was the key to the Yeomen's success as they limited the scoring effectiveness of the American trio by practically doubleteaming them the entire game. York held a 40-39 lead at the half.

"I thought our defence did a very, good job containing

Coach Bob Bain said afterward: Laurentian's three American 13 rebounds. players (Varrick Cutler, Bruce Burnett, Charlie Wise)," Bain enthused. "Bo Pelech did a great job against Burnett and so did Dave Coulthard against Wise." Wise was a one-man wrecking crew Friday in Toronto when Laurentian beat the U of T 87-70. He netted 32 points in that game but managed only 19

against the Yeomen defence. Yeomen's big man against Laurentian was Lonnie Ramati, who scored 27 points and grabbed

York's win drops Laurentian's record to a win and a loss and gives the Yeomen a 1-0 record in regular season play. Bain said the Laurentian game represented one of York's hardest road trips this season and he hopes York will keep up its winning ways.

Of his team's improvement since losing to the Estonians November 4, Bain said: "It just goes to show you how far we've come in the past couple of days."

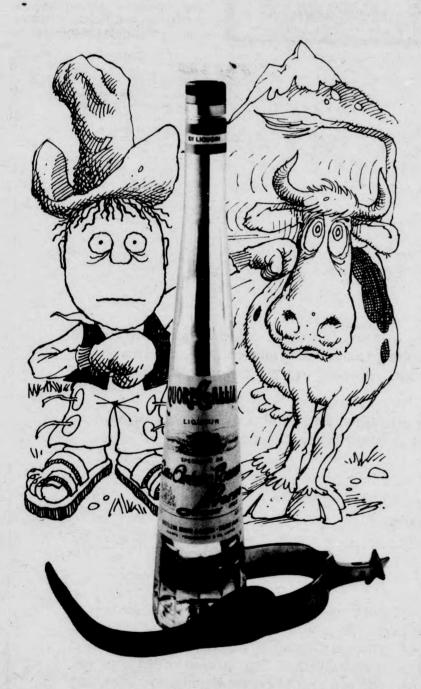
Parting shots: The Yeomen had four players in double figures in the Laurentian game. Behind Lonnie Ramati were Dave Coulthard with 20 points, Bo Pelech with 16 and Ted Galka with 12. Varrick Cutler led Laurentian with 23 followed by Bruce Burnett with 20 . . . Last Thursday in London, York tuned up for their game against Laurentian by whipping Western 99-82 . . . This weekend the Yeomen return to Western for a two-day four-team tournament.

Volleyballers place third

The York women's volleyball club won 4 matches and lost 2 to place third in the Québec Open Volleyball Tournament in Montréal last weekend. The Jean-Pierre Volleyball Club won the tournament and the Canadian National Volleyball team came second.

This weekend the Yeowomen varsity team hosts the Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association League Interlock. Teams expected to participate are York, U of T, Laurier and Guelph in the western division and Laurentian, Carleton, Ryerson and Trent in the eastern division. The Yeowomen are the favourites.

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